






## Construction Industry Profile in WDB 17

There were **673 construction establishments** providing **6,778 jobs** in the 2 counties of WDB 17 in 2019, according to data from DEED's Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages program. That is about **6.4% of total employment** in the region. The construction industry makes up **9 percent of the total payroll** in the region and average annual wages sit at **over \$67,000**, which is **41 percent higher** than the average annual wages across all industries. See Table 1.

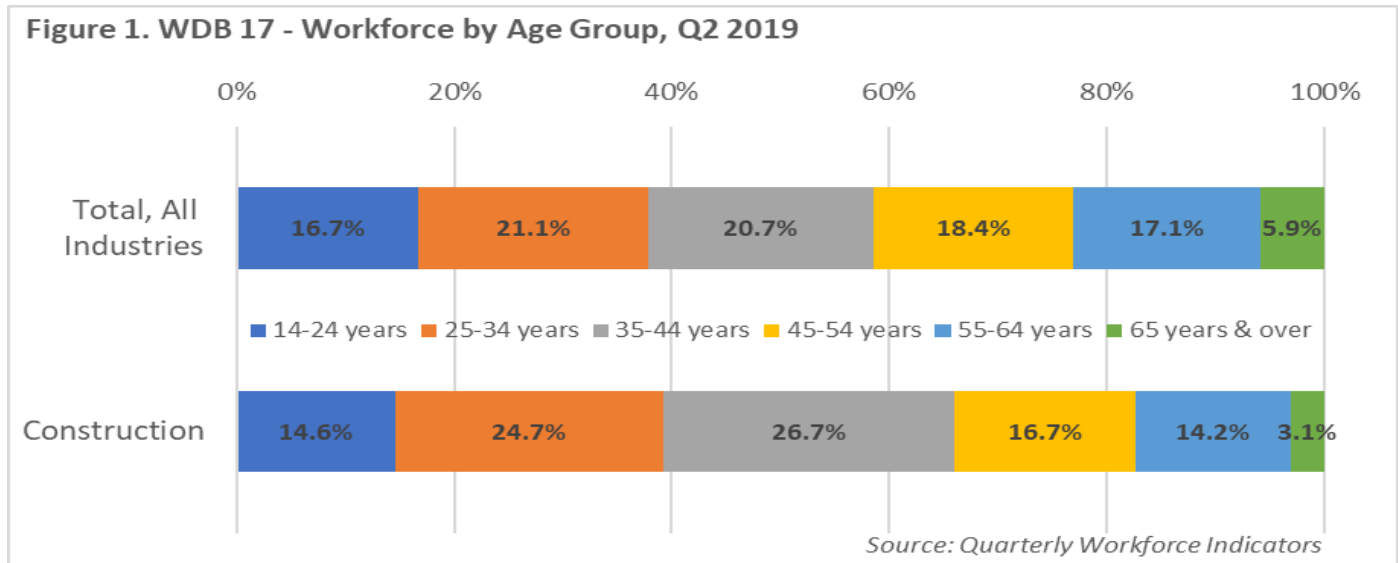
Table 1. WDB 17 Employment Statistics		2019 Annual Data			
NAICS	Industry	Number of Jobs	Number of Establishments	Avg. Annual Wage	Total Payroll
0	Total, All Industries	104,821	5,357	\$47,540	\$4,983,211,013
<b>23</b>	<b>Construction</b>	<b>6,778</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>\$67,099</b>	<b>\$454,795,685</b>
<b>236</b>	<b>Construction of Buildings</b>	<b>1,008</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>\$59,344</b>	<b>\$59,818,673</b>
2361	Residential Building Construction	378	151	\$45,412	\$17,165,719
2362	Nonresidential Building Construction	630	44	\$67,703	\$42,652,954
<b>237</b>	<b>Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction</b>	<b>1,777</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>\$82,337</b>	<b>\$146,313,561</b>
2371	Utility System Construction	495	27	\$77,570	\$38,397,323
2373	Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction	767	18	\$84,555	\$64,853,986
<b>238</b>	<b>Specialty Trade Contractors</b>	<b>3,992</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>\$62,290</b>	<b>\$248,663,451</b>
2381	Foundation, Structure & Building Exterior Contractors	568	86	\$51,986	\$29,528,071
2382	Building Equipment Contractors	2,501	150	\$66,398	\$166,060,498
2383	Building Finishing Contractors	412	89	\$44,777	\$18,448,133
2389	Other Specialty Trade Contractors	511	98	\$67,763	\$34,626,749

Source: DEED Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

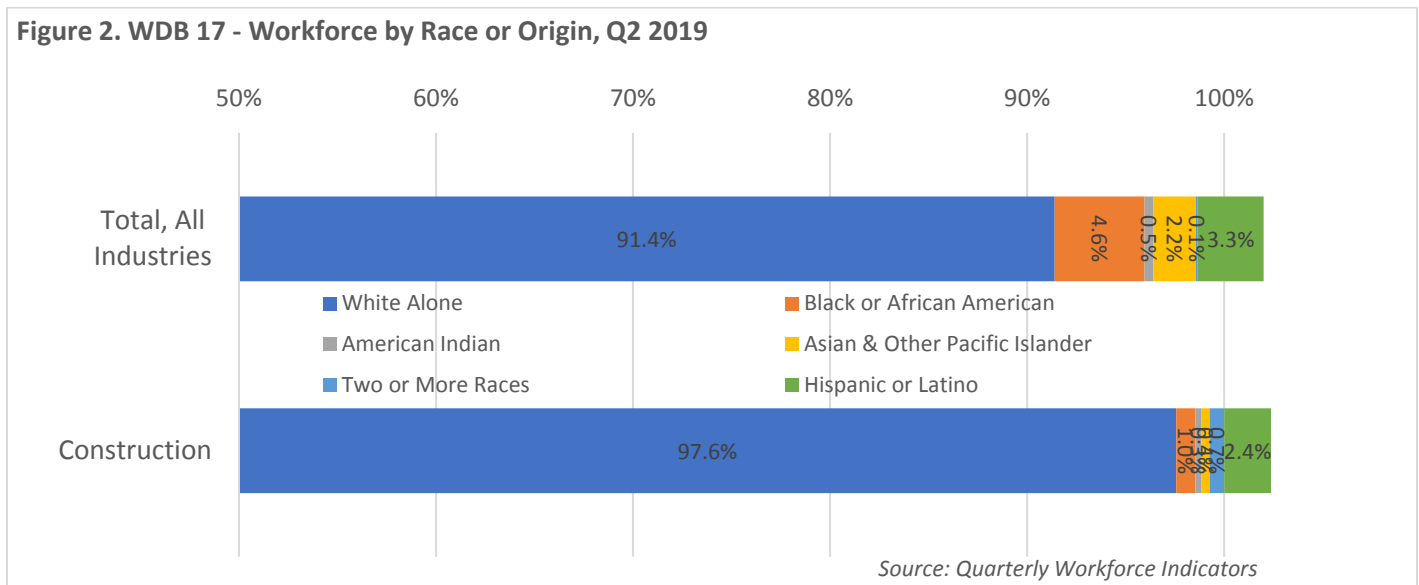
According to an [article](#) by Ron Wirtz of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, the current situation regarding the coronavirus outbreak has had not only immediate impacts on the construction industry, such as worker lay-offs, but also detrimental effects on future projects, such as project delays and negative effects on the demand for future projects. In the WDB 17 region, Benton County has a significant concentration of employment in the construction industry, with 11.4 percent of all jobs found in construction, almost 3 times the proportion found statewide (see Table 2).

Table 2. WDB 17 2019 Employment	 Total, All Industries		 Construction		 Construction of Buildings		 Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction		 Specialty Trade Contractors		
	County	Firms	Jobs	Firms	Jobs	Firms	Jobs	Firms	Jobs	Firms	Jobs
	Benton	996	17,422	186	1,990	51	296	8	498	127	1,196
	Stearns	4,361	87,399	487	4,788	145	712	48	1,279	294	2,796
	Source: DEED, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages										

Workers in the construction industry are slightly younger than in all other industries combined. In the second quarter of 2019, 39.3 percent of the construction workforce in WDB 17 were under 35 years of age, compared to 37.8 percent across all industries. However, a much smaller share of construction workers were in the oldest age group in the region, with 3.1 percent being 65 years and over, compared to 5.9 percent in all industries. See Figure 1.



Construction workers in WDB 17 were less racially diverse than the total of all industries combined, with 97.6 percent of all workers in construction being white, compared to 91.4 percent across all industries. The largest number of minority workers in construction in the region were of Hispanic or Latino origin (see Figure 2 – *please note that the numbers add up to more than 100% because Hispanic or Latino is an ethnicity rather than a race*).



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